



# Vidya Vikas Newsletter

September, 2017

## Religion Teacher in focus



**Abhishek Bansal** has been teaching religion over the last 5 years. He lives with his wife Pooja and kids Rinika and Krishnay. As volunteer at the temple and a parent of young kids, Vidya Vikas was a natural stop for him. Teaching allows him to share what he know about Sanatan Dharma which re-energizes him for one full week. He believes that as an adult, there is no better to live, than to spend time with the next generation and help them grow. The most important aspect of teaching at Vidya Vikas is to give back to the society, with a sense of pride & appreciation towards the our religious roots. Abhishek works in an IT firm. Vidya Vikas helps him build soft-skills, which are needed for his professional and personal success. Abhishek would like to create a learning environment that not only fosters learning of Sanatan Dharm (Hinduism) basics but also instill a confidence in everyone that "being different" in a Western country should be dealt with pride, not embarrassment.

## Language Teacher in focus



**Deepa Chopra** is a Hindi teacher at Vidya Vikas. She has been dedicated to teaching Hindi for several years at the DFW temple. Deepa enjoys enriching the lives of students by instilling the Hindi language and Indian culture. Deepa lives with her husband, Manoj and her children, Soumil and Akshee in Coppell TX. Soumil and Akshee have graduated in Hindi from Vidya Vikas and serve as teaching aides at the temple. Her family is actively engaged in voluntary services at DFW Hindu temple and Vidya Vikas. She believes that effective teachers and mentors have transformative power and believes in offering an exciting and interesting environment to her students to motivate them to continue learning.

## Youth Group Elections

Congratulations to Leadership Team for 2017-2018!

**President:** Anvita Shah

**Vice President:** Geetika Katasani

**Secretary:** Dev Jivanji

**Treasurer:** Lok Katasani

**Board members:** Aditi Krishnan, Surabhi Misra, Shreeya Prabhu, Sanchith Shanmuga, Nitin Udaikumar

## Upcoming events

**Vidya Vikas parents meeting (Levels 0-4):** Sept 17, 2017

**Careers in Law:** Sept. 17, 2017

**Vidya Vikas parents meeting (Levels 5-12):** Sept 24, 2017

**Hindi Mela:** November 19, 2017

**College Planning:** Oct./Nov./Dec. 2017

**College Booths:** January 2018